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NATURE OF CALL: TWO SEARCH AND RESCUES
LOCATION OF CALL: DEVILS PEAK/HELL HOLE
CASE NUMBER: SO-01-16923 / SO-01-16925
SUSPECTS: N/A

SHERIFF EDWARD N. BONNER RELEASES THE FOLLOWING:

Placer County Sheriff's Department search and rescue crews were kept busy Sunday night and Monday morning conducting two search and rescue operations at the same time.

The first call came in late Sunday night when three females were reported missing by hiking partners on the Palisades Trail in the Devils Peak area. Deputy Danny Wilson responded and began a search and rescue operation involving several specialized SAR units as well as the Sheriff's helicopter Eagle One. At approximately 8:10 AM Monday, Eagle One located the three women on the Palisades Trail walking up from the river. The three women were part of a group of hikers who got separated, then took a wrong turn and realized they were lost. They stayed put in the wilderness overnight, and when daylight came they were able to find the trail and were spotted by Eagle One as they were walking to safety. The women were uninjured and except for being slightly embarrassed about getting lost were in excellent condition. The women were, Diane Clayton, 70, of San Leandro, Carol Weiske, 64, of Greenbrae and Nancy Roth, 55, of San Francisco.

In the second incident, two Foresthill boys were found safe after their 4-wheel drive pickup became stuck in the Hell Hole area east of Foresthill. Deputy Glenn McNama began a search late Sunday night for the boys after their parents reported them missing. After daylight Deputy Dennis Meeh took over the search and learned from one of the boy's friends they were going to Hell Hole for a four wheeling trip. The boys were quickly located and with the help of a group of hunters were returned safely to their families in Foresthill.

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